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Ans — Oct

Portland. Oregon.
September 29th 1880

Dear Doctor:

Has not your conscience pricked you for not fulfilling your promise to let us know how you stood the overland journey to California? San Francisco papers announced that you intend spend the winter in that pleasant clime, and thus we are happy to believe

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that you enjoyed the trip, are not home sick, and better still, intent on "reju-nating" - Certainly, the fatigue that you have met, is very good proof that many years of useful life, and happiness may be yours.

Your coming, to which I looked forward with so much satisfaction, your hurried movements - my illness, our brief meetings, and your speedy departure, all seem so unreal - Than tho, you came so entirely in the interests of Science, that there was little time for social enjoyment, and I frankly confess I was confused at the thought of your wisdom - it is not every body that can sit at the feet of Gamaliel, and gracefully contrive to hide their own deficiencies, gladly as they would receive instruction - and may be, a little self love was at the bottom of all - how willingly would I go back to the time when in simple ignorance, and trust, I sought your advice and aid for the loved ones, "gone before"

My sister left us on the Sixteenth of this month, disgusted with Portland - the smoke and dust, continued until she sailed, and then, a heavy rain restored the pleasant aspect of the City, and the Mountains appear in all their grandeur. Agnes is in Oakland at the Johnston House where we hope she will pass the winter, - had she remained here, it would certainly have been one of discontent, so great was her apprehension of the rainy season. May I ask you to visit her; and should she not be there, you may learn her location elsewhere

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Oh, that I could visit Cal-
-ifornia while you, and
she are there, during these
lovely September days,
that are to my mind the
the sweetest of the year, and
in which the ecstacies of
possession, are mixed with
the soft pain of expected
parting. Alas! the impending
skies will stare me in the
face, I should rather say
wash me out of countenance
for, there is no telling how long.

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Will you please to send us your Photograph - the atmosphere of San Francisco is noted for producing admirable pictures, it might, possibly, make a good looking man of you, but, whether, or no, the semblance will be greatly prized.

I dont recall that I promised to write to you, but it gives me pleasure to do so, in the hope that you may provoke a reply telling us of your plans, and enjoyments - & when the delights of California are exhausted, can't you remember some forgotten subject of interest to bring you to Oregon? when there is no smoke, and dust, before you return to dear old St Louis.

Two of the children were very ill after you left. James also ailing. a trip down the river did not prove beneficial, and the baby is still drooping. I am on the high road to being fat, fair!!! and how many years beyond forty I dont care, so long as my heart remains young. The tonic you

ordered, I have found beneficial — many thanks.

My Son, & his wife unite with me in best wishes for your health, and safety. and hoping that you will write soon

I remain Very Sincerely Yours

Annie M. Reed.

Dr Geo Engelman

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